

Ship Napoleon Pacific Ocean James A. Brownell Master.

Monday Dec 15th 1857

Strong Breezes, Lat 1 P M commenced cutting. At 5 P M finished the 8 Boats, at the Head of along side at night at 8 P M have in the Head. At 8 Raised Whales, at 10 lowered the 8 Boats, the S, W, and 8 Boats struck. So on as Boiling and whaling. Lat 13.30 Long 88.30

Tuesday Dec 16th

Strong Breezes, Lat 5 P M got the whale to the ship. Employed Boiling. Latter part Stowing down. at 1 P M commenced cutting. Lat 3.46 Long 88.50

Wednesday Dec 17th

Strong Breezes. Employed cutting and Boiling. at 6 P M finished cutting. Latter part clearing away the Whales. Lat 3.30 Long

Thursday Dec 18th

Moderate Breezes. Employed Boiling and Stowing down. Lat 3.06 Long

Friday Dec 19th

Moderate Breezes Employed Boiling. Latter part Squally. At 5 P M finished Boiling. Lat 3.00 Long 89.38

Saturday Dec 20th

First part fresh Breezes from the Southward heading to the Eastward. At 5 1/2 P M were ship to the Westward. Lat 2.58 Long 89.48

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Monday Dec 21st 1857

Brush Breezes from the Southward, heading to the Westward. Saw Porpoises, and one of our old carcasses. At 1 P M were ship to the Eastward. Stowing Oil. Lat 2.50 Long 89.52

Tuesday Dec 22nd

Moderate Breezes from the Southward heading E S E. At 6 P M finished Stowing Oil. Latter part moderate. Employed taking the ground ten up from the Grounds. Lat Long

Wednesday Dec 23rd

First part Moderate Breezes from the Southward, heading to the Eastward. Latter part Squally. At 1 P M were ship to the Westward. Employed washing ship.

Thursday Dec 24th

First part Moderate Breezes from the Southward, heading to the Westward. Latter part rainy, heading to the Eastward.

Friday Dec 25th

First part light and baffling Breezes from the Southward, heading to the Eastward. This is Christmas Eve. I wish I was at home to hang up my stocking. Or fill some one else. What is my wife and boy to night. Our Christmas is past as all other days do. busy at work. I thought of the friends I have at home, while eating my very fat dinner. I made the observation that I supposed our friends thought of us when they sat down to their dinner. Capt. C says that will do us no good. I believe he has a curious heart. Lat 2.58 Long